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PROPOSAL TO UNITE THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONS AND THE ISLAMIC WORLD INTO AN ANTI-COMMUNIST FORCE WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF WINNING THE THIRD WORLD WAR.

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Last year a memorandum on the above subject was given me by [redacted] Chinese Mohammedan who has worked for some American organizations in the past, [redacted]

From letters of recommendation carried by [redacted] he appears to have established a good reputation for ability and integrity with the organizations for which he has worked.

My general impression of [redacted] is of a bright, energetic, modern-minded young man. While I am not well enough acquainted to venture a decided opinion on his character, from his appearance I would be inclined to trust him. He seems exceptionally well informed on world affairs, and with a broad and sympathetic viewpoint on problems of the day.

[redacted] is quoted below:

CONFIDENTIAL MEMO
To Col. David D. Barrett from
Hadji Jusef Chang

"PROPOSAL TO UNITE THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONS AND THE ISLAM WORLD INTO AN ANTI-COMMUNIST FORCE WITH THE AIM TO WIN THE THIRD WORLD WAR:

1. INTRODUCTION:

In the present and future decades of this century, there are obviously three political thoughts, each dominating a particular zone of land now in the world, standing face to face and trying hard to over-ride each other, and all of them have an unanimous aim to dye the world into special colours of their own. These three thoughts are, according to my opinion, the Democracy, The Communism and The Islamism.

Peoples in the western hemisphere, western Europe and Pacific island countries, mostly have strong belief in Democracy. Those who live in Northern Europe and China mainland are within the iron curtain of Communism. While the peoples in Northern Africa, Middle East, Central Asia and South-eastern Asia, including such strategic points as Suez, Dardanelles, Aden, Persian Gulf, Ceylon, Singapore and Sumatra, are strong in the faith of Islam.

The present struggle between the United Nations Force and that of Red China and North Korea will undoubtedly bring about the opening of the 3rd World War some day in the sudden future, a war of life and death between Democracy and Communism. In this struggle, the Islamic World is the 3rd Force which, according to our careful study, is one of the strongest elements that may decide who shall be the winner of the war. This is the reason why both the democratic and communist nations lose no time in the work to build up better relations with the Islamic nations.

2. THE ISLAMIC WORLD:

Geographically speaking, the map of Islamic World should be drawn in the following manner:

A. Central Territory: The Arabic states, such as Saud-Arabia, Yemen, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Trans-Jordan and Egypt, form the heartland of the Islamic World. Its total population is about 70 million. They own the natural resources of oils and mineral products in almost a virgin state.

B. Western Territory: To the west of the Arabic states, there lie the Libya, Algeria and Morocco states on the Southern bank of Mediterranean, with a total population of about 10 million.

C. Northern Territory: Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan and several small republics within the boundary of Soviet Union, such as Kirghiz, Uzbek, Turkmen, Azerbaijan and Khazak, lie to the north of the Arabic states, with a total population of about

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60 million. Baku and Abadan are the two important regions producing oils in this part of the world.

D. Eastern Territory: The most densely populated Muslim nations are in this territory, i. e. Pakistan (90 million), Indonesia (70 million), Malaya (10 million) and China (40 million), aggregating a total population of 210 million. They control many strategic points and own the most fertile land in Asia.

Besides the above-mentioned 22 Islamic nations, Albania in Balkan and some other small Islamic nations in Africa and Siberia have not been taken into consideration on this page. The grand total population is approximately 350 million, being 1/5 of the whole world;

3. WHAT IS ISLAMISM?

Islamism is the religion founded by Prophet Mohammed in sixth century, which is the final religion that came from God through the Holy Prophet. It means peace, equality, freedom, love and truth, aiming at advancing the human beings to such a life that is full of both spiritual and material achievements. There are no boundaries of race, color, class, rich and poor among the believers, such being the first important element that welds humanity into one universal brotherhood, the Islamism. Under this principle, the Arab League, the Muslim World Conference and Pan-Islamic Movement have been going on forward by leaps and bounds since the 2nd World War.

4. WHAT WESTERN DIPLOMATS THINK ABOUT THE ISLAMIC WORLD?

A. There was a British diplomat, John Price, with 23 years service in the Near, Middle and Far East, said once in London in February 1951:

"The answer to Communism lay in the hope of Muslim revival in which Pakistan was well qualified to assume leadership," pointing out also: "Persia may well prove to be the bridge for Muslim unity. The Muslim world is a reservoir of strength. Communism can be checked by a faith stronger than its own and that faith lies in the Middle and Near East."

Mr. Price deplored the Western nation's lack of real understanding of the Muslim world and said: "The question now is whether there is enough time for the West to change its attitude to the Middle and Near East. Russia is not likely to strike now when others are effectually fighting their battles and she has other more profitable motives, but the threat is very real. Communism is an ideal which can be met only by a better one, and that lies in the Middle and Near East."

B. Mr. McGhee (George McGhee) U.S. Asst Secretary of State, told a news conference in Cairo after his arrival from the Middle Eastern United States diplomats' conference in Istanbul, in the latter part of February 1951: "I feel distinctly the Arab world is on our side".

He was most encouraged by the fact that Greece, Turkey and Iran particularly and all other Middle East states, were strongly aware of the need for collective security, and pointed out that the United States would actively build up collective security forces throughout the Middle East. United States aid to Greece, Turkey and Iran, he said, was proof that America was ready to help the Middle East countries defend themselves against the threat of Communism.

From the above statements, the Democratic countries, particularly the United States who have large interests in the Islamic World, should cultivate their understanding of all the Muslim nations that:

- Muslim world is a reservoir of strength that can check the spreading of Communism.
- Muslim countries are always on the side of Democracy.
- Democratic countries should lose no time to aid the Muslim World to build up a strong anti-Communist block.
- Muslim countries will never give up their faith in Islam and fall into the trap of Materialism.

5. WHAT STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES TOWARDS THE ISLAM WORLD?

A. IMPORTANCE TO SET UP A MUSLIM INFORMATION SYSTEM IN ASIA:

a. INTRODUCTION:

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To win the sympathy of the Islamic World to cooperate with the United States in the 3rd World War and to spread a far Islamism and Democracy, a Muslim Information System is required to be set up in Asia, with its headquarters in Singapore, Manila, Colombo, Batavia or Karachi.

b. PROCEDURE:

1. To set up an Islamic Cultural Society in the place chosen as the center of Muslim movement, as a channel keeping close contact with the Muslims in the world, especially those in Middle East and China.

2. To publish periodical pamphlets in English, Chinese, Arabic, Urdu and Malayan languages, with the purpose to link up the Americans and Muslims together into one united front against Communism.

3. Both the cultural society and the office issuing the pamphlets should be headed by Muslims either from China or any other Muslim countries. It is of the utmost importance that it should not be made known to outsiders that such services are backed by the United States.

c. FINANCIAL EXPENDITURE:

Financial expenditure for all the running expenses required in this plan will be taken care of by the support of American Government or other American sources.

B. IMPORTANCE TO TRAIN SOME YOUNG CHINESE MUSLIM LEADERS FOR THE URGENT SERVICE NEEDED IN THE COMING COUNTER-ATTACK OF THE MAINLAND, PARTICULARLY IN ITS NORTHWEST:

Muslims of China are densely populated in its Northwest and Southwest. They are bodily strong and would be good soldiers. They are very obedient to their leaders who either hold high positions in religious society or are military officers and civil officials.

In case battles take place in Northwestern and Southwestern China, when conditions impel United States to despatch troops to fight the Communists in cooperation with Chinese National armies, in the possible future, drastic actions should be resorted to utilization and encouragement of the local guerrillas and militias to treat the enemies in rears, to cut off their communications and supply us with information. Most of such guerrillas and militias in those regions are Muslims who are easy to be commanded and led by able Muslim leaders. There are many young Muslim leaders in Free China today, but those who are qualified and skillful in up-to-date military and political tactics are very few.

For the advantage of both Free China and the United States, it is a wise suggestion that certain number of young Chinese Muslim leaders, say from 10 to 30 persons in one time, should be trained both militarily and politically by American Government under an agreement with the National Government. As to the time of such training, it depends upon the actual necessity. While the place for such training, Guam, Hawaii or any quiet place in the States is the ideally suitable center. The young and hopeful Muslims chosen to be trained are the men of reserve for immediate future use.

Overlooking this suggestion, it means a great failure, when time calls urgent in the coming war in the mainland, requiring these people to attend the service more difficult than before.

C. IMPORTANCE TO ORGANIZE MECCA PILGRIMAGE (HAJI) MISSION TO SPREAD DEMOCRACY IN THE HOLY LAND OF ISLAM AND THE ISLAM WORLD AS WELL:

a. THE THREE CENTERS IN THE ISLAM WORLD:

1. Mecca, the birth place of prophet Mohammed and the House of Kaba, the Holy temple of God, is the religious center in the Islam World, where pilgrimage is taken place by Muslims all over world yearly in the 12th month of the Arabic calendar.

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Pilgrims of different nationalities pour into Mecca always reaching a total of 200,000/400,000.

2. Cairo is considered as the cultural center of the Muslim World, where the Arab League has its headquarters established for about four years. The Al-Azhar University in the city is 1,000 years old, having about more than 10,000 students come from different Muslim countries.

3. Ankora, capital of Turkey, is the political center of the Muslim World. But since the birth of Pakistan, Karachi is more and more becoming such a center in place of Ankora.

b. IMPORTANCE TO ORGANIZE HAJI MISSION:

Besides pamphlets and newspapers, to choose qualified young Muslims from free China or any Muslim country to form Haji Mission to pay pilgrimage to Mecca, with the purpose of spreading afar Democracy and Islam in the aim of persuading the Muslims to cooperate with Democratic nations, particularly the United States, against Materialism, is another useful weapon that should be accepted by the United States in the present struggle against Communism.

When such mission is organized with American financial support in a confidential manner on time in the few years to come, its duty is not only to visit Mecca but is also to travel all over Muslim countries in the Middle East and Far East, in the capacity of goodwill mission.

The money required for this mission, including 5/10 young and learned Muslims of different nationalities, traveling for one year in the Muslim World, bringing with them sufficient supplies of pamphlets of Islamism and Democracy, will cost you at most 50,000/100,000 U. S. Dollars. While its return beneficial to the United States and the Democratic Nations as a whole is uncountable.

6. CONCLUSION:

The writer submits this confidential memo to you for your kind consideration, hoping that you will report it to your government, not for the writer's benefit, but for that of the United States, Free China and the Muslim nations as a whole. Any instruction from you or your Government in discussion with the above suggestions will be answered by the writer with pleasure.

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COMMENT BY RO:

I do not consider myself an expert on the subject of the potential power of Islam as a force against Communism. I was very much disappointed with the comparative ease with which the Chinese Communists conquered the great Northwest, an area in which they were fighting far from their bases and against an enemy which supposedly fanatically eager to shed the last drop of their blood in battle against the Reds. For several years before Ninghsia fell to the Communists foreign travelers and correspondents, including one Assistant Military Attache, Major David Longacre, CG, USA, had returned from that province most impressed with the level of training and fierceness of the troops of General Ma Hung-kuei, the last Nationalist Governor. According to the reports of these persons, the cries of "Sha Sha" (kill! kill!) from these troops as they brandished their big swords in martial exercises were enough to chill the blood and bodied ill for any foe which would dare challenge them on their home grounds.

By the time the Reds reached Ninghsia, however, the Chinese Mohammedan leaders were so divided by internal dissension that their fierce troops were unable to put up half the fight which had been expected of them. Apparently Ma Hung-kei and Ma Fu-fang, the two principal leaders in the Northeast were more concerned with mutual hatred than

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they were fired by desire to perish in battle against unbelievers from other parts of China.

Presenting a trifle more encouraging prospect on the ability of the Chinese Mohammedans to resist Communism, Lt. Gen. Cheng Chieh-min, head of the Bureau of Mainland Operations, nominally charged with command of anti-Communist guerrillas on the mainland, stated in my presence on 3 March 1952 that there were many intelligence agents and guerrillas among the Chinese Mohammedans. General Cheng stated that in spite of the fact that the Chinese Communists had conquered the Great Northwest and other areas in China in which Mohammedans are strong they were not able to exercise as tight control over these areas as they were over other parts of the mainland.

Although the Mohammedans had outwardly submitted to the Chinese Communists, stated General Cheng, the religious fervor of the Mohammedans had not been greatly affected. Moreover, the Mohammedans were granted more freedom to move about in the course of their religious activities than were most Chinese. In short, so said, General Cheng, the Communists were still wary of attempting to exercise too strict control over the Mohammedans. While I think [redacted] would be very glad to work for the United States, in a movement to use the power of Islam against the Communists, presumably at a living wage, I do not believe the memorandum quoted above was submitted with any ulterior motive in view. He impressed me as a man sincerely devoted to his religion and the anti-Communist cause. Personally, if I were looking for personnel to assist in utilizing the power of Islam against Communism, I would certainly give him a tryout.

At the present time, the leader of the Chinese Mohammedans, General Pai Chung-hai, is doing nothing on Taiwan, as he lost almost all his troops on the mainland and no command has been given him since. While I think that General Pai has been somewhat over-rated in the past as field commander, I have the sincerest admiration for his character and integrity, and I believe that in his position as unofficial leader of the Chinese Mohammedans, he still has considerable influence. In any movement to use the power of Islam against Communism, I think General Pai Chung-hai should be carefully consulted and his influence exploited to the full. He is very friendly to Americans and broad in his outlook on political and religious matters.

I must leave it to others to consider whether or not any possibilities of using the Mohammedan world against Communism are being neglected. I am favorably impressed, however, with the tone of the memorandum and the evident sincerity of the writer.

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